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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Margaret G. Moore

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 October 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 to 41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 2, 3, 5 to 11, 13 to 15, 18 to 41 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 4, 12, 16 and 17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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1. Applicant's election of Group I, the species set forth in claim 4 in the reply filed on 10/13/06 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

2. To clarify, the claims that read upon the elected species are claims 1, 4, 12, 16 and 17. Applicants had indicated in their remarks that claim 5 reads upon the elected species. This is not correct since the material in claim 5 is a different composition than the material in claim 4. Note that in paragraph 5 of the election of species requirement claim 5 was listed as a separate species from claim 4.

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1, 4, 12 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Pauluth et al.

Pauluth et al. teach organosilicon compounds. See column 1, Formula I, which meets the elected species of claim 4. See the bottom of column 17 which specifically shows a compound having an alkylene group of at least 4 carbon atoms. Compare the organosilicon compounds on the bottom of column 2 to those found on the top of page 16 in the instant specification. The organosilicon compounds are applied to a substrate and crosslink under atmospheric moisture (column 5, lines 36 and on) to form a film. This anticipates claims 1 and 4. The top of column 7 teaches the addition of conductive salts, meeting claims 12 and 16.

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pauluth et al.

Pauluth et al. fail to specifically teach a proton source as claimed. Instead patentees generally teach the addition of conductive salts to improve conductivity.

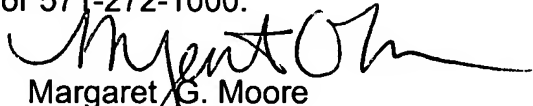
It is the Examiner's position that compounds within the breadth of claim 17 are known in the art as being additives for improving conductivity. To support this position the Examiner refers to 1) 5,243,004, column 35, lines 7 and on, 2) 5,174,867, column 4, line 35 and on and 3) 4,835,076, column 3, line 47 through column 4. These are merely representative teachings of that which is known in the art.

One having ordinary skill in the art, having motivation to add a conductive salt to the composition of Pauluth et al., would have been motivated to add a conventional and known conductive salt having, for instance, an organic sulfonic acid, in an effort to obtain the known benefits and properties thereof. In this manner the skilled artisan would have found the material of claim 17 obvious.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Margaret G. Moore whose telephone number is 571-272-1090. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Wednesday and Friday, 10am to 4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Randy Gulakowski can be reached on (571) 272-1302. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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